

Application No. 10/748,650
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a surface containing at least one elongated curvilinear embossing element having a length of about 0.06 inch or greater and a top comprising a flat surface having a width;

the embossing element having a first sidewall extending from a base to the top having a first sidewall angle, said first sidewall having a length perpendicular to the width of the top surface, and a second sidewall opposing the first sidewall, the second sidewall extending from the base to the top and having a second sidewall angle, said second sidewall having a length perpendicular to the width of the top surface; and

wherein the first sidewall angle is different than the second sidewall angle.

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a surface containing at least one elongated curvilinear embossing element having a length of about 0.06 inch or greater and a top comprising a flat surface having a width;

the embossing element including a pair of exterior first sidewalls extending from a base to the top disposed at a first sidewall angle, said pair of exterior first sidewalls having a length perpendicular to the width of the top surface, and a pair of interior second sidewalls separated by a gap extending from the top towards the base, said pair of interior second sidewalls having a length perpendicular to the width of the top surface, the pair of interior second sidewalls disposed at a second sidewall angle; and

wherein the first sidewall angle is greater than the second sidewall angle by about 5 degrees or more.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 or 2 wherein the embossing element comprises a male embossing element.

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4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first sidewall angle is greater than the second sidewall angle by about 5 degrees or more.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 or 2 wherein the first sidewall angle is greater than the second sidewall angle by about 15 degrees or more.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 or 2 wherein the second sidewall angle is about 10 degrees or less.
7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 or 2 wherein the second sidewall angle is about 5 degrees or less.
8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the embossing surface comprises a metal roll.
9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 or 2 wherein the first sidewall angle is about 10 degrees or more.
10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 or 2 wherein the first sidewall angle is about 15 degrees or more.
11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the embossing surface comprises a metal roll.
12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the gap between the pair of interior sidewalls at the top of the embossing element is less than 0.030 inch.
13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the gap between the pair of interior sidewalls at the top of the embossing element is between about 0.005 inch to 0.030 inch.

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14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the embossing surface comprises a metal roll.
15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 comprising a top radius joining each sidewall to a top of the embossing element and wherein the top radius for the pair of exterior first sidewalls is different than the top radius for the pair of interior second sidewalls.
16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the top radius for the pair of exterior first sidewalls is greater than the top radius for the pair of interior sidewalls.

17-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the first sidewall angle is about 15 degrees or more, the second sidewall angle is about 5 degrees or less, the gap between the pair of interior sidewalls at the top of the embossing element is between about 0.005 inch to 0.030 inch, and the embossing surface comprises a metal roll.